

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Previously presented) A fitted sheet for a mattress comprising a rectangular panel
2 of knit material having a central rectangular area extending from one end of said panel to the
3 other end thereof, and side margins flanking said central area from one end of said central
4 area to the other end thereof, said side margins being folded under said central area and joined
5 thereto by seams extending across each end of said central rectangular area, characterized in
6 that said seams at each end of said central rectangular area are arcuate.

1 2. (Original) The sheet of claim 1, further characterized in that said seams are
2 symmetrical about a mid-line of said central area that runs from end to end thereof.

1 3. (Original) The sheet of claim 2, further characterized in that on each side of said
2 mid-line of said central area, at each end of said sheet, said seam curves downwardly toward a
3 folded side edge of said sheet.

1 4. (Original) The sheet of claim 3, further characterized in that said seam is flatter near
2 said mid-line, and more convex near said folded side edge of said sheet.

1 5. (Original) A fitted sheet for a mattress comprising a rectangular panel of knit
2 material having a central rectangular area extending from one end of said panel to the other
3 end thereof, and side margins flanking said central area, said side margins being folded under
4 said central area and joined thereto by seams extending across each end of said central
5 rectangular area, characterized in that said rectangular panel of knit material has side edges
6 that are not finished, and at the end of said sheet, said seams are sewn directly over said
7 unfinished edges.

1 6. (Currently amended) A fitted sheet for a mattress comprising a rectangular panel of
2 knit material having a central rectangular area extending from one end of said panel to the
3 other end thereof, and side margins flanking said central area, said side margins being folded
4 under said central area and joined thereto by seams extending across each end of said central
5 rectangular area.

6 wherein said rectangular panel of knit material has side edges that are not finished,
7 and at the end of said sheet, said seams are sewn directly over said unfinished edges, and

8 ~~The sheet of claim 5, further characterized in that~~ wherein said unfinished edge is
9 rolled into a curled edge prior to being sewn flat.

1 7. (Original) The sheet of claim 6, further characterized in that said rectangular panel
2 of knit material is fabricated from a tube of knit material that has been slit and opened to form
3 a rectangle with cut edges.

1 8. (Original) The sheet of claim 7, further characterized in that said cut edge, in a
2 finished sheet, is curled under into itself.

1 9. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 1, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.

1 10. (Previously presented) A method of making a fitted sheet, comprising the steps of:

- 2 i) cutting a predetermined length of a tube of knit fabric;
3 ii) slitting said length of fabric along its length in a straight line from end
4 to end;
5 iii) arranging said fabric so that the slit edges of said fabric are folded over
6 onto the main body of said fabric; and
1 iv) sewing a seam across each end of the fabric, thereby to join the folded-
2 over edges of the fabric to the main body thereof in a folded over state,
3 wherein said slit edges are sewn to said main body in an unfinished

4 state, wherein said slit edges are curled inwardly before being seamed
5 to said main body of said fabric.

11. (Cancelled)

1 12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said slit edges are curled
2 inwardly before being seamed to said main body of said fabric.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said seams are generally convexly
2 arcuate.

1 14. (Original) A method of making a fitted sheet comprising the steps of:

- 2 i) cutting a predetermined length of a tube of knit fabric;
3 ii) slitting said tube of fabric along an edge thereof, from end to end;
4 iii) cutting a shallow corner from each end of said tube of fabric, at the slit
5 side thereof, from first points on the cut edge near the end, to second
6 points on the end, near the folded-over mid-line of the slit tube of
7 fabric;
8 iv) opening the fabric, and folding the side margins thereof inwardly so
9 that at each corner thereof, the said first points are laid on top of the
10 said second points; and
11 v) sewing a seam across the top and bottom ends of the fabric, to join the
12 folded-over margins to the main body of the sheet.

1 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein when said seam is sewn, the cut edge
2 of said fabric is curled in, and sewn flat in the curled-in condition.

1 16. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 2, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.

1 17. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 3, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.

1 18. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 4, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.

1 19. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 5, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.

1 20. (Original) A sheet as claimed in claim 6, including a loop or length of material
2 extending from the seam at one end of the sheet.